Meet the
Communists

A Good Future for the Family

Molly Keith *who is the National Women's Organiser of the Communist Party writes:*

The four women in the picture are friends of mine. It's unlikely you've met them. They could so easily be you or your friends, with the same hopes, fears and plans for the future.

Joy is very proud of her first baby and full of ideas for Janet's future. She'd like to go back to work when Janet's older but private nurseries are expensive and there are no others in the neighbourhood.

Ann has a baby girl too and a ten-year-old boy Sean. Her husband earns a good wage and she isn't forced to go out to work. Her main worry just now is Sean's eleven-plus exam. She's full of anger at an education system that tries to determine the future for Sean and so many others while they are still so young.

Alma, in her early twenties, living at home with her parents, has plenty to say about the lack of leisure-time facilities for young people. No youth clubs near her home, precious little in the way of parks, but seemingly endless money and always spare land for building luxury flats.

Just now Marie thinks she's in clover. After fifteen years of married life in two rooms and a kitchen, they've moved into a flat where she and her husband have a room that's just a bedroom and not the family's sitting-room, dining-room and general meeting place as well. Marie works part-time in an office. She has two teenage girls and you can imagine the costs of school uniforms and all the school extras, let alone anything else.

One problem all women have in common—fear of war. What sort of future is it for the children when hanging over us all the time is the terrible threat of a clash in which nuclear weapons would be used?

But in one respect my four friends are different from you and your friends. Like me, they are all members of the Communist Party.

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The Communists

They, with thousands of other women, joined the Communist Party for very good reasons. They are not prepared to put up for ever with struggling to make ends meet, or to sit by whilst millions are lavished on weapons of war, and old people and children are deprived of the things they need. They are not prepared to go on working for wages which are half of what men get for doing the same job. They are not prepared just to worry about the danger of war.

They are determined to do something about it.

In what spare time they have, they help in and sometimes lead struggles to improve things now. You'll find Communist women speaking out against high rents and poor housing, against the scandalous price of welfare foods and against war.

But more than that, and it's what gives Communists such confidence in the future, our Party sets out to change society. Our programme, *The British Road to Socialism*, shows how this change can be made, in line with our own history and traditions and through Parliament.

The main reason for the problems we face is that our country is controlled by a tiny group of people, industrialists, landowners and financiers who grow rich at the expense of the vast majority. They run Britain to benefit themselves and hinder every development that looks like interfering with their profits and privileges.

The Good Life

The wealth of this nation should and could be owned and controlled by those who create that wealth, working men and women, the miners, engineers, clothing and textile workers, the scientific and professional workers. Just think what vast improvements there could be if Britain's wealth were used to benefit all Britain's people.

What an immense change it would mean in women's lives.

A good home for every family, at a low rent, with no landowners, profiteers or moneylenders taking their rake-off.

A good chance in life for every child; nursery schools; comprehensive schools and no selection at eleven; small classes and adequate student grants; careers open to all, girls as well as boys.

An attack on sickness and ill health with a really free health service; money saved on arms expenditure would go into the vital job of research to cure dread diseases like cancer.

More leisure and the chance to enjoy it to the full, with art, music, drama, literature, the cinema and sport made easily available to all.

Security and comfort in old age, with the fear of poverty ended forever. Benefits and pensions as a right, without means tests or workers' contributions.

In a few years we could double our standard of living, and at the same time work only half the hours we do now.

It's no dream. All that and more is possible in a Socialist Britain. A stronger Communist Party is the guarantee of achieving socialism. That is why I ask you, with confidence, to join us in the Communist Party, to add your voice and your strength to the struggle to secure a good life for all working people.

I want to join the Communist Party

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